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REMARKS

Claims 9 - 17 are presented as originally filed. Claims 1 - 8 were withdrawn in the preliminary amendment of July 30, 2003.

Claims 9-17 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Pat. No. 6,794,485. Accordingly, a terminal disclaimer, signed by the attorney of record, is filed herewith. Thus, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the present rejection.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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